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## CHINA.

*Reports from Amoy—Inspection of vessels—Examination of emigrants—Leprosy, plague, and smallpox.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Foster reports, May 31 and June 8:

Week ended May 29. One bill of health issued.

May 26, the British steamship *Loong Sang*, with 55 in the crew, 24 cabin and 42 steerage passengers, for Manila, was granted an original bill of health. One steerage passenger was rejected for favus.

Leprosy and plague present. Eight cases and 7 deaths from plague are reported from Pollam, a village 25 miles from Amoy.

Week ended June 5. No bills of health issued.

From June 1 to 5 there were 3 deaths from smallpox, and 25 deaths from plague in Amoy.

*Reports from Hongkong—Quarantine restrictions—Plague and smallpox—Examination of emigrants—Inspection of vessels.*

Temporary Acting Assistant Surgeon Gröne reports, June 2:

Weeks ended May 22 and 29. Restrictions enforced by Hongkong remain as reported April 3. Restrictions enforced against Hongkong remain as reported April 3.

*Quarantinable diseases.*—Week ended May 22. Plague, 13 cases, 11 deaths; smallpox, 5 cases, 3 deaths. Week ended May 29. Plague, 11 cases, 12 deaths; smallpox, 2 cases, 2 deaths.

*Aliens for Honolulu and Pacific coast ports.*—Week ended May 22. Examined, 515; rejected, 110. Week ended May 29. Examined, 0.

*Aliens for Philippine Islands.*—Week ended May 22. Examined, 19; rejected, 16. Week ended May 29. Examined, 10; rejected, 5.

*Inspection of vessels.*—Week ended May 22, 4; week ended May 29, 9.

*Reports from Shanghai—Inspection of vessels—Examination of emigrants—Smallpox—Plague in rats decreasing—Summary of plague in rats, December, 1908–May, 1909—Mosquito work—Examination of water supply.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, May 26, and June 2 and 9:

Week ended May 22. One original and 1 supplemental bill of health issued to 2 vessels with an aggregate personnel of 811. One steamship, with 53 members of crew and 1 steerage passenger, was inspected. Manifests were viséed for 280 pieces of freight. Forty-four Asiatic members of crew were bathed and their effects, numbering 107 pieces, were disinfected by steam. There was also disinfected 1 piece of baggage belonging to a steerage passenger, and the forecastle of 1 vessel was rendered mechanically clean and painted. One emigrant for San Francisco per steamship *Manchuria* was examined and passed.

The weekly report from the municipal health department shows 1 death from smallpox among natives. A few plague rats continue to be found among those collected after death.

Reports from Hankau for the week ended May 15 show smallpox present among natives.

Reports from Tientsin for the week ended May 8 show 1 case of smallpox.

Week ended May 29. Supplemental bills of health granted to 2 steamships having an aggregate personnel of 362. One vessel with 51 members of crew and 8 steerage passengers was inspected. Manifests were viséed for 13,051 pieces of freight. Two emigrants for San Francisco per steamship *Chiyo Maru* were examined and passed. One emigrant was recommended for rejection on account of trachoma. Nineteen pieces of passengers' effects were inspected and passed, and 1 piece was disinfected with formalin.

The number of plague-infected rats found is steadily decreasing, notwithstanding the fact that the weather is now quite warm. The number of rats found dead and examined during the week ended May 30 was 368, of which only one was infected with plague. This rat was found in the northern district. An energetic campaign against mosquitoes has been inaugurated here and in the French concession.

Reports from Hankau show relapsing fever still present.

Reports from Tientsin show 1 death each from typhus fever and enteric fever.

Week ended June 5. Supplemental bills of health were granted to 4 steamships having an aggregate personnel of 259, and there were inspected 4 vessels, 232 members of crews, 4 steerage passengers, and 1 cabin passenger. The crew of 1 vessel, 41 Asiatics, was bathed and their effects were disinfected by steam.

The weekly report of the municipal health department shows 1 death from smallpox among natives.

No plague-infected rats were found in the settlement during the week, although about 708 rats were found dead and examined.

*A comparative statement of plague-infected rats found.*

| | Rats examined. | Infected. | Per cent. |
|---|---|---|---|
| December | 1,359 | 50 | 3.7 |
| January | 1,118 | 26 | 2.3 |
| February | 1,375 | 30 | 2.2 |
| March | 2,585 | 41 | 1.6 |
| April | 1,897 | 21 | 1.1 |
| May | 1,780 | 10 | .6 |

It will be seen that there has been a consistent decrease in the proportion of plague-infected rats found in this settlement since the disease was first observed. The eastern district, where the disease first made its appearance, contributed only 3 infected rats during May, while the northern district produced 7.

The work against mosquitoes is being carried on here with as much energy as possible.

The monthly report of examination of the tap water shows an average of 50 micro-organisms per cubic centimeter. The coli group was represented to the extent of 0.5 per cent.

Reports from Hankau show smallpox and relapsing fever present among natives.